

- 64 The method of claim 63 wherein the step of combining an effective amount of the affinity reagent with the specimen is accomplished using micropipette tip in which there is a filter element to which the affinity reagent is bound.
- 65 The method according to claim 57 in which said quantifying step further comprises interpolating each the analyte species mass spectrometric response to the plurality of IRS's mass spectrometric response immediately above and below in magnitude of each of the IRS's mass spectrometric response to quantify each the certain analyte species in the specimen.
- 66 The method according to claim 58 in which said quantifying step further comprises interpolating each the analyte species mass spectrometric response to the plurality of IRS's mass spectrometric response immediately above and below in magnitude of each of the IRS's mass spectrometric response to quantify each the certain analyte species in the specimen.
- 67 The method of claim 66 wherein the step of combining an effective amount of the affinity reagent with the specimen is accomplished using micropipette tip in which there is a filter element to which the affinity reagent is bound.

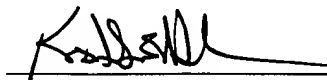
### REMARKS

#### *Claim Status*

Claims 31, 33, 40 and 41 are pending. Claims 31, 33, 40 and 41 have been canceled above. New claims 48-67 have been added. Therefore, claims 48-67 are now pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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